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In Re Application of: HICHWA et al.

Application No.: 09/765,522

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For: OPTICAL CROSS-CONNECT WITH  
MAGNETIC MICRO-ELECTRO-  
MECHANICAL ACTUATOR CELLS

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

Sir:

The references cited on the attached substitute form 1449A are being called to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention co-pending and co-assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/765,520 entitled OPTICAL SWITCH WITH LOW-INERTIA MICROMIRROR, filed January 17, 2001, of which a copy is enclosed.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this Statement, and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

The Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this Statement because it is believed that it is being submitted prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action

on the merits in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3). However, if a fee is required, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge the necessary fee, or credit any overpayment, to USPTO Deposit Account No. 50-0891.

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